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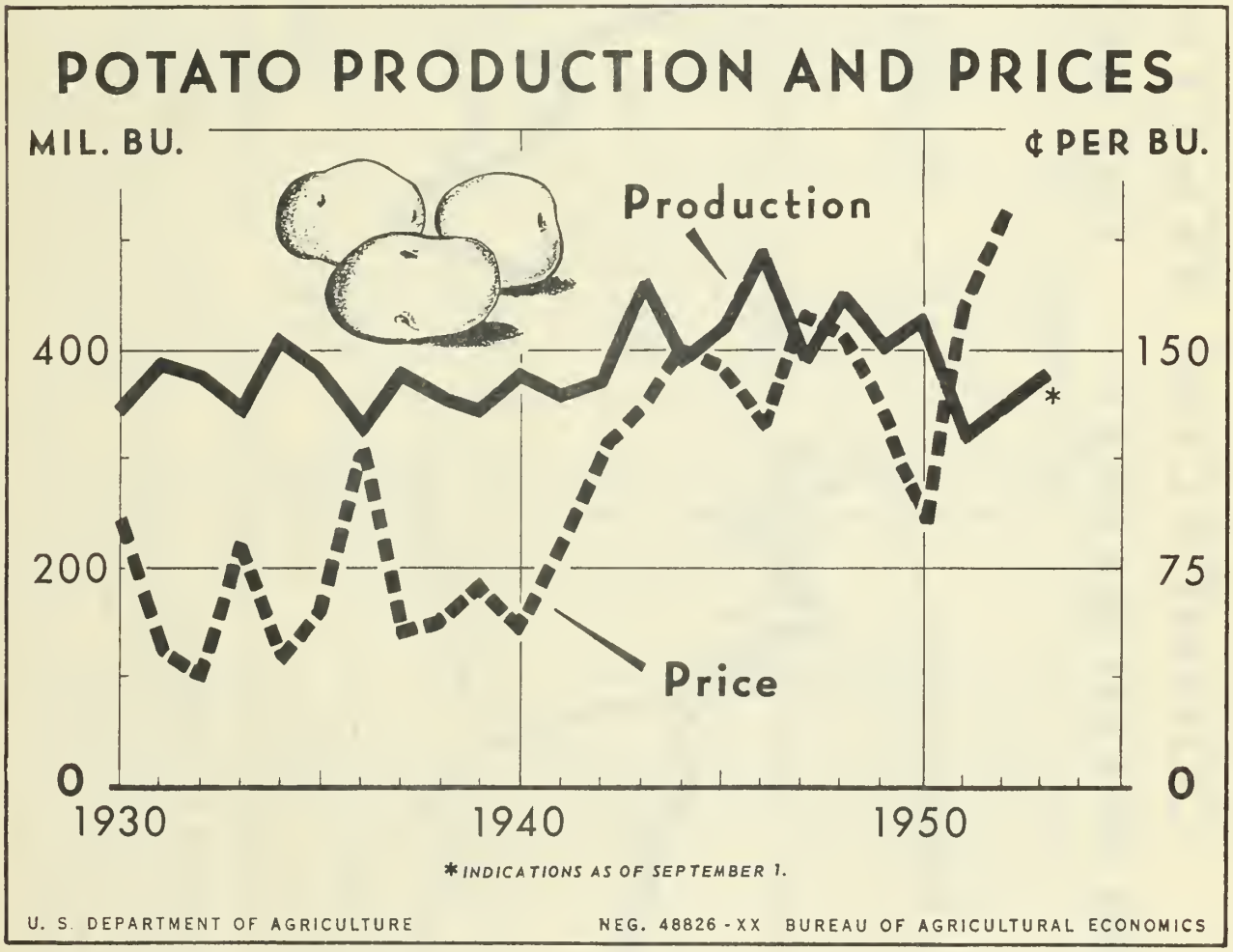

Prices received by farmers for potatoes from year to year usually change in the opposite direction to changes in size of the crop. With the September 1 estimate of the 1953 potato crop 10 percent larger than the 1952 crop, prices for the 1953 crop are expected to average substantially lower than for the 1952 crop.

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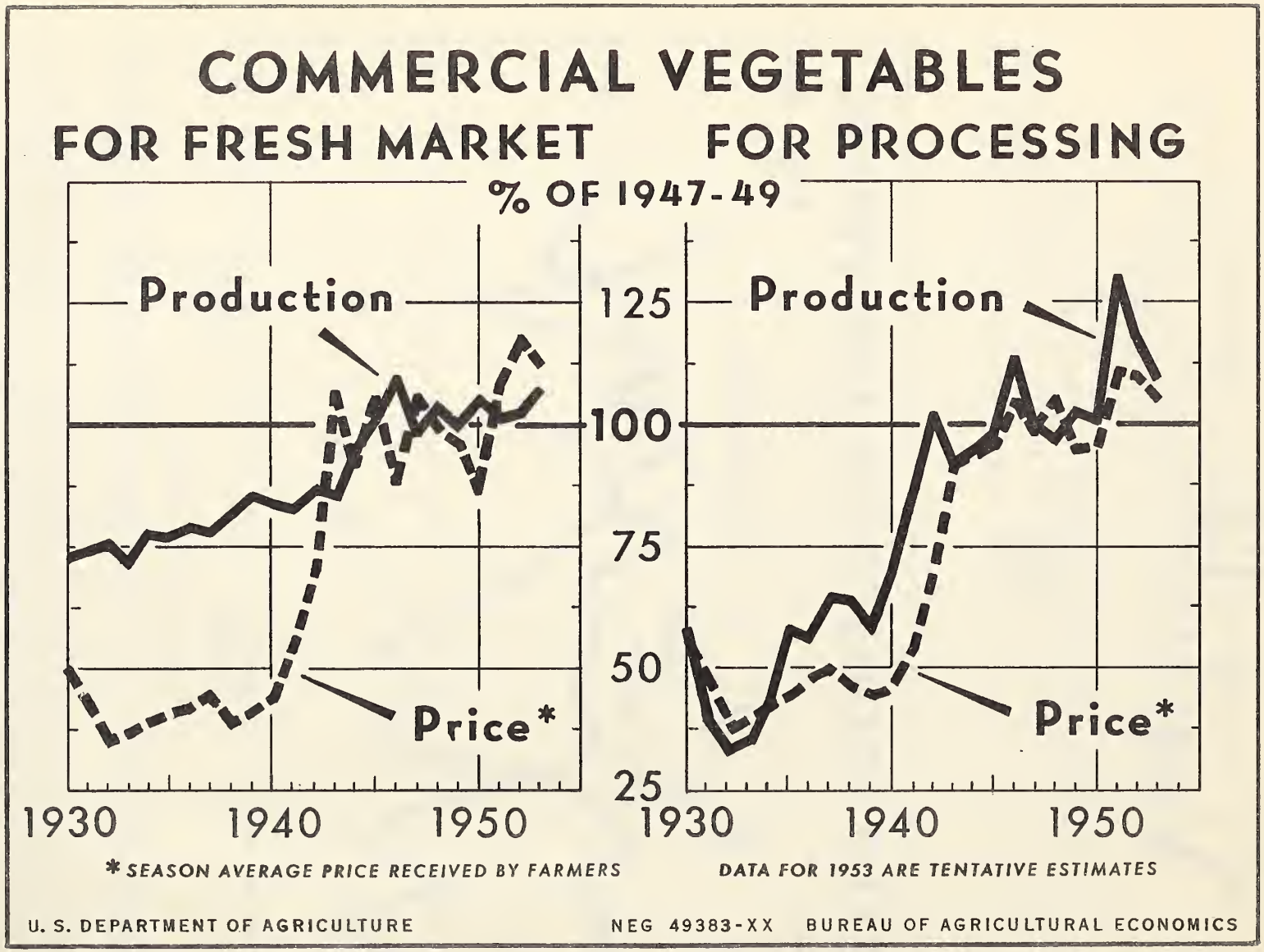

Since 1930 both production and prices of commercially grown vegetables for fresh market have risen a great deal with production more stable than prices.

Prices and production of vegetables for commercial processing have tended to follow each other fairly closely over this period.

Production of vegetables both for fresh market and for processing probably will continue generally upward with the growth in the population. In 1954, both production and prices are expected to remain relatively high.

THE VEGETABLE SITUATION

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SUMMARY

With consumer income available for spending expected to be fairly close to that of 1953, demand for vegetables is likely to continue fairly strong in 1954 at levels not much different than in 1953.

Depressed prices for potatoes are likely to continue in 1954. Prices for sweetpotatoes and dry beans are expected to remain strong through the 1953 crop marketing year. Favorable prices for the 1953 dry bean crop coupled with wheat acreage allotments next year may result in some bean acreage expansion.

Total production of commercial vegetables indicated for fresh market this fall is expected to about meet the continued strong demand with only seasonal changes in price. Early fall supplies are expected to be larger than a year earlier for cabbage, cauliflower, and green peas, but smaller than a year ago for carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, spinach, and tomatoes. The late summer crop of onions was 9 percent above average and 20 percent larger than in 1952 and will provide large supplies from storage at relatively low prices until next spring.

Production for commercial processing this year appears to be sufficient to meet the packs required to keep total supplies about in balance with demand at current prices. A substantial cut back in tomato production is the most outstanding change from last year; the reduction was made in the light of early 1953 heavy canners' stocks of canned tomatoes, juice, and most other tomato products. Holdings of frozen vegetables in commercial cold storage are much larger than a year earlier, and are rising seasonally. This fact,

plus the upward trend in the industry, suggest that the commercial frozen vegetable pack this year may equal or exceed the record large 1952 pack.

The indicated 1953 crops of sweetpotatoes, dry beans, and dry field peas, though larger than in 1952 are none too large for the continued strong demand expected in the current crop marketing year. The potato crop at 381 million bushels, however, is clearly in surplus, with Maine showing the largest increase among the States.

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

Demand To Continue Strong In 1954

With consumer income available for spending in 1954 expected to be fairly close to that of 1953, demand conditions for fresh vegetables next year are expected to continue about as strong as in 1953. If production in 1954 is no larger than in 1953, prices received by farmers for fresh market vegetables probably will average near those received in 1953 when they were in general slightly to moderately lower than in 1952.

Foreign Trade Prospects

Although exports of United States vegetables do not loom large on a national annual basis, they are nevertheless important to certain areas, especially in our winter harvest season. No substantial change is expected in demand for such exports, most of which go to Canada.

Imports of fresh vegetables in the first quarter of 1954 probably will be about on the same general level as in early 1953. Our imports are principally tomatoes, cucumbers, and green peppers, primarily from Mexico and Cuba.

1954 Winter Crop Goals

The Department has suggested acreages for 1954 winter-harvest vegetables which in total probably would result in production about 7 percent less than in 1953, 1 percent less than in 1952, but 5 percent more than the 1947-51 average production.

Factors In 1954 Outlook For Major Crops

Cabbage.- Based on September 1 prospects, the early fall cabbage crop will be 10 percent larger than last year but 2 percent less than the 1949-51 average. After allowing for the larger quantities of contract cabbage going into kraut this year compared with last, there still remains about 6 percent more early fall cabbage indicated available for fresh market and for open market

purchases for kraut. Acreage for late fall harvest is expected to be 1 percent under 1952 but 7 percent above the 1949-51 average. Intentions to plant for winter-season harvest indicate acreage for that season may be 9 percent below the 1953 winter-season acreage harvested and 5 percent under the 1949-51 average. On the basis of these indications on the supply side, it is expected that prices to growers for cabbage in the first quarter of 1954 may be higher than the very low prices received in early 1953.

Onions.- No significant change in demand for dry onions is expected in 1954 compared with 1953. This year's late summer crop, which provides onions for summer and fall this year and the first quarter of 1954, is 20 percent above the 1952 crop and 9 percent above the 1949-51 average. Consequently, prices for onions are expected to remain at relatively low levels until next spring. What farmers do about the important summer crop of onions next year probably will be strongly influenced by their experience with the above-average 1953 crop now moving. Prices from this crop are expected to average considerably lower than those for the 1952 summer crop.

Lettuce.- Lettuce is available on most markets throughout the year, and for most of the year, the major source of supply is California and Arizona.

During the first half of 1953, supplies of lettuce from week to week generally were ample, and consequently prices generally were held down to moderate levels, usually below those of 1952. If the 1953 experience leads lettuce growers to curtail acreage and production somewhat in the first half of 1954, prices may be as high as, or higher than, in the first half of 1953. Lettuce production in the last half of 1954 probably could be maintained on the near-average level of late 1953 with roughly comparable prices.

Tomatoes.- Yields of tomatoes in the winter harvest area this year were 34 percent below average. The quantity produced was 33 percent below 1952 and 21 percent below average. The smaller supply brought prices to growers about 20 percent higher in the first quarter of 1953 than a year earlier. The higher prices received probably will more than offset the poor yields in the minds of growers planning acreage for the first half of 1954 and some increase in acreage is likely. Both late-summer and early fall-crops this year are estimated to be below last year and below average.

Production of tomatoes for early fall harvest (California) is estimated at 5 percent less than the volume produced for harvest in the same period of 1952. Last fall, tomatoes from this area brought farmers prices moderately above the 10-year average

and the same as in the year previous. Acreage for late-fall harvest is reported to be 25 percent less than acreage harvested last year, but only 7 percent below the 1949-51 average.

Annual Production This Year
Expected To Be Larger Than In 1952

Although not all crops are yet estimated for the year, indications thus far are that total commercial vegetable production this year will be about 5 percent larger than last year.

Largely because of the increased supplies this year, prices received by farmers have generally been somewhat lower than a year earlier.

VEGETABLES FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING

Outlook For 1954

Processors and distributors are expected to enter the 1954 pack season with stocks of canned and frozen vegetables slightly larger than at the beginning of this pack year. Retail demand is expected to continue about as strong as in 1953.

Suggestions or Goals for 1954 production of vegetables for commercial processing will not be developed until later when indications of this year's production and packs begin to be apparent, and stocks then in the hands of processors and distributors can be reassessed.

1953 Production For Processing
Above Average

Production indicated to date for 1953 vegetable crops being grown for processing totals 9 percent under 1952 but 7 percent above the 10-year average. Prospective production is larger than in 1952 for green lima beans, snap beans, beets, cabbage for kraut (contract acreage only), pimientos and green peas, but about one-fifth smaller for tomatoes and slightly smaller for sweet corn, and for spinach from winter and spring areas.

Acreage of cucumbers for pickles is only slightly lower than that planted in 1952.

CANNED VEGETABLES

Outlook For 1954

Demand for canned vegetables is expected to continue firm through 1954. While advances made in the frozen field are spectacular, they have not appreciably dented the volume of most

canned vegetables. The public still takes about 8 pounds of canned vegetables to 1 pound of frozen.

1953 Packs Expected To Be Generally Larger Than In 1952

This year, as in every year, canners have tried to scale their operations in the light of carryovers anticipated at the beginning of the 1953 pack season. For example, the big cut in tomato acreage was made in the light of the heavy carryover of canned tomatoes, juice and most tomato products. Although the calendar year will be over before many canned pack figures are available, it is expected from crop production indications that the canned pack will be larger than in 1952 for most major items other than tomatoes and tomato products.

Current stocks and prospects for the 1953 season pack indicate that supplies of canned vegetables in greatest supply relative to demand for the 1953 pack and marketing year include: sweet corn, canned whole tomatoes, carrots, pumpkin and squash, and tomato sauce. On the other hand, adequate to light supplies are presently indicated for canned asparagus, beets, green peas, spinach, and cucumber pickles.

Combined canner and wholesale distributor stocks of canned vegetables, as of most recent dates available, were considerably larger than those of a year earlier for carrots, sweet corn, whole tomatoes; tomato paste, tomato sauce, and canned pumpkin and squash. However, stocks were considerably smaller than a year earlier for canned snap beans, green lima beans, beets, and tomato pulp and puree.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Outlook For 1954

Demand for frozen vegetables in 1954 is expected to continue about as strong as in 1953 and consumption probably will remain near current record or near-record rates.

Frozen vegetables in commercial cold storage September 1 this year were record high for the date and imply another record-large frozen pack in the making. The 1952 frozen vegetable pack totalled nearly 896 million pounds, far beyond the previous record of 770 million pounds in 1951. If the inference as to this year's pack is correct, the total probably will run well over 900 million pounds. Consumption of frozen vegetables in 1953 is expected to be a record $5\frac{1}{4}$ pounds per capita, and there is no reason to expect a smaller rate for 1954.

Frozen peas continue by a wide margin as the leading frozen vegetable consumed with lima beans in second place. After lima beans, four vegetables compete closely for third place - spinach, broccoli, snap beans, and sweet corn. Trailing but rising rapidly in the last few years, is frozen cauliflower.

POTATOES

Outlook For 1954

Based on the crop report for September 1, 1953, the supply of late crop potatoes for the remainder of the 1953 crop marketing season is expected to be 7 percent larger than that of a year earlier, and is expected to sell for lower prices. Total acreage of potatoes planted in 1954 probably will continue the downward trend that has been in evidence for many years. Because of the strong upward trend in yields, however, total production of potatoes in 1954 may be little if any smaller than in 1953.

1953 Crop Surplus

The 1953 potato crop, estimated as of September 1 at nearly 381 million bushels, is about 22 million bushels larger than the size crop earlier suggested as a goal for 1953 by the Department. This crop is some 33 million bushels larger than the 1952 crop but moderately smaller than the 1942-51 average of 411 million bushels. The 10-year average, of course, includes several years of surplus production during the period when potato prices were supported.

Late Potato Surplus Largely In Eastern And Central States

About 15 million bushels of the increase in this year's crop over last year's was in the Early and Intermediate States. This leaves about 18 million bushels over last year to be accounted for in the 29 Late States. The prospective crop in the 11 Western Late States is about 4 million bushels smaller than the 1952 crop. But in the 9 Central Late States, the 1953 crop is estimated to be nearly 5 million bushels or 9 percent larger than last year, and in the 9 Eastern Late States the increase is even more outstanding; 17.4 million bushels or about one-sixth more than last year.

Maine Crop Much Larger But Idaho Crop Smaller

While the increased late crop this year in the Central States is distributed over a number of States, in the Eastern Late States almost all of the big increase is in Maine. A record-high yield in the latter State has resulted in a crop one-third larger than last year and 13.5 percent above the 1942-51 average.

In Idaho, by contrast, the 1953 crop indicated at 41,440,000 bushels is smaller than the 42,780,000 bushel crop of last year and only slightly larger than the 1942-51 average of 40,236,000 bushels. Recent price comparisons also reflect the different situation in the two areas, with a much larger disparity in prices this year compared to last in the Eastern States than in the Western States.

Potato Prices Considerably Below Those For 1952 Crop

With larger supplies of potatoes in evidence beginning with the Early crop this year, prices received by farmers dropped below those of a year earlier last February and since April have been from one-third to two-thirds below prices a year earlier. Beginning in June, prices each month have been the lowest since 1941.

Indications in early September were that potato prices were strengthening somewhat, and especially in Idaho. However, it seems clear that the season-average of prices received by farmers for the 1953 crop of potatoes for the country as a whole will average far below that received for the 1952 crop.

SWEETPOTATOES

Outlook For 1954

Trends in recent years suggest that in 1954, farmers may increase the commercial acreage of sweetpotatoes over that of 1953 but probably will further reduce the acreage grown primarily for home use. In the meantime, the supplies from the 1953 crop will be moving to market. Since this crop is estimated to be 21 percent larger than the 1952 crop, with most of the increase in the commercial crop areas, supplies in Northern markets this winter and next spring should be larger than in the two seasons just past, and sell at somewhat lower prices.

Demand for sweetpotatoes is expected to remain strong through 1954 with some increase in per capita consumption if larger supplies are available.

Lower Prices For 1953 Crop

This year's crop, although 21 percent larger than the small 1952 crop, is more than one-third below the 1942-51 average. Consequently, prices received by growers for the 1953 crop season are expected to average considerably lower than those received for the 1951 and 1952 crops, but probably equal to or above average for 1942-51.

As usual, however, prices during the period of most rapid harvesting probably will be depressed well below the season-average level, particularly in areas where storage facilities are inadequate or where growers are unaccustomed or unable to spread marketings over several months.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS

Outlook For 1954

Domestic takings of dry beans are expected to be about as large in 1954 as in 1953, but foreign takings probably will be somewhat smaller, at higher prices. Until the 1954 crop becomes available, prices may average higher than those received for beans during the 1952 crop marketing season.

1953 Crop Slightly Larger But Carryover Smaller

As of the September crop report, the 1953 dry bean crop is expected to total 17,291,000 bags (100 pounds each, uncleaned). This is 3 percent larger than the 1952 crop, and prices received by farmers for dry beans have weakened recently in anticipation of the new harvest. However, the carryover of 1952 crop or older beans is now at extremely low levels so that total supplies are considerably lower than a year earlier. Government stocks are virtually exhausted, except for large Lima beans.

The larger bean crops this year in areas producing largely Pinto beans point to a large supply of this class of beans. However, Mexico probably will be in the market again for a considerable quantity of these beans, so a surplus of Pintos probably will be avoided.

DRY FIELD PEAS

Outlook For 1954

Demand for dry peas in 1954 is expected to continue on about the same level as in 1953, with prices fairly stable, and with commercial stocks - now at minimum or nominal levels - building up slightly.

1953 Crop Considerably Larger Than Small 1952 Crop

Based on September 1 indications, the 1953 crop of dry field peas is expected to be 3,347,000 bags (100 pounds each, uncleaned), in sharp contrast to the small 1952 crop of 2,610,000 bags, but much smaller than the 1942-51 average of 5,998,000 bags.

Hot dry weather in Northern Idaho and Washington reduced crop prospects somewhat below what was expected earlier in the season and some reports indicate the grade has been affected because of bleaching.

With the crop so much larger than the 1952 crop, it seems probable that the average of prices received for the 1953 crop will be somewhat lower than those for the 1952 crop. Prices for peas have been higher than a year earlier each month since July 1952 but prices have dipped slightly since May of this year as harvest of the new crop got under way.

As of mid-August, 1953, farmers received an average of $5.16 per cwt. for dry field peas. This was 4 cents under the mid-July figure and 70 cents under mid-June, but 45 cents above mid-August 1952, and record high for this date.

REVISED CONSUMPTION SERIES IN THIS ISSUE

The Bureau has recently prepared estimates of total production for sale of all vegetables in all areas annually 1919 to date. This series makes it possible for the first time to relate total commercial production to population. To determine approximate quantities of commercially-grown vegetables consumed, appropriate adjustments have been made for imports, exports, stock changes, military use and non-food use.

This issue of The Vegetable Situation presents in the appendix, tables showing annual civilian per capita consumption of fresh and processed vegetables 1919 through 1952. Omitted from these quantities are any non-commercial (not grown for sale) quantities grown in farm or non-farm gardens. There are no official crop estimates covering such non-commercial vegetable production.

Table 1 .- Fresh vegetables, commercial: Per capita consumption, farm weight, 1919-52 1/

Year	Leafy, green, and yellow vegetables																Other fresh vegetables										Melons			Total
	Tomatoes	Artichokes	Asparagus	Lima beans (unshelled)	Snap beans	Broccoli	Brussels sprouts	Cabbage	Carrots	Kale	Lettuce and escarole	Green peas (unshelled)	Peppers	Spinach	Minor	Total	Beets	Cauliflower	Celery	Corn	Cucumbers	Eggplant	Garlic	Onions and shallots 2/	Minor	Total	Watermelons	Cantaloups	Total	
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1919	10.6	0.1	0.5	0.2	2.9	3/	0.1	17.1	2.1	0.1	5.1	0.3	1.2	0.9	4.6	35.2	0.8	1.1	5.1	2.8	2.6	0.3	4/	11.6	6.1	30.4	15.5	9.0	24.5	100.7
1920	11.0	.1	.5	.2	3.0	3/	.1	27.0	2.3	.1	7.3	.4	1.2	1.0	5.6	48.8	.8	1.2	5.4	2.7	2.4	.4	0.1	14.1	7.2	34.3	22.3	9.1	31.4	125.5
1921	9.8	.1	.5	.2	3.0	3/	.1	18.2	2.4	.1	6.9	.6	1.3	1.3	5.1	39.8	.8	1.2	5.5	2.5	2.5	.4	.1	12.0	6.7	31.7	25.2	9.3	34.5	115.8
1922	11.5	.2	.5	.2	3.1	3/	.1	22.7	2.7	.1	7.9	.7	1.3	1.4	5.9	46.8	.7	1.3	5.4	2.4	3.0	.4	.1	12.8	7.8	33.9	27.1	9.7	36.8	129.0
1923	11.5	.2	.6	.2	3.4	3/	.1	19.2	3.0	.2	8.3	.9	1.4	1.7	5.4	44.6	.8	1.5	5.7	2.2	2.7	.4	.1	13.1	7.0	33.5	19.9	8.8	28.7	118.3
1924	11.7	.4	.7	.2	3.5	3/	.1	23.7	3.1	.1	9.5	1.0	1.3	1.9	6.4	51.9	1.1	1.3	6.1	2.8	3.2	.4	.1	13.6	8.3	36.9	25.4	9.8	35.2	135.7
1925	12.4	.4	.8	.2	3.6	3/	.1	21.6	2.9	.1	10.0	1.1	1.3	2.1	6.4	50.6	1.1	1.5	6.5	3.0	3.4	.4	.2	13.5	8.4	38.0	23.8	10.1	33.9	134.9
1926	10.4	.5	1.0	.2	3.5	3/	.1	21.9	3.3	.2	10.6	1.4	1.3	2.1	6.4	52.5	.9	2.3	6.0	3.1	3.1	.3	.2	13.3	8.2	37.4	26.2	9.8	36.0	136.3
1927	12.1	.4	1.0	.2	3.7	3/	.1	22.8	4.0	.2	11.5	2.0	1.3	2.3	6.5	56.0	1.2	1.8	6.1	3.0	3.2	.3	.1	13.3	8.5	37.5	20.4	9.9	30.3	135.9
1928	11.8	.3	1.1	.2	3.7	3/	.1	19.5	3.9	.2	12.2	2.1	1.3	2.2	6.5	53.3	1.4	2.0	7.3	3.3	3.1	.3	.1	13.2	8.5	39.2	19.8	10.4	30.2	134.5
1929	13.3	.3	1.0	.3	4.5	0.1	.1	20.7	5.8	.2	13.0	2.3	1.3	2.6	7.0	59.2	1.6	2.4	8.3	3.4	3.0	.4	.1	12.3	9.3	40.8	21.1	10.5	31.6	144.9
1930	12.7	.3	1.2	.4	4.4	.2	.1	18.1	6.1	.2	12.6	2.6	1.4	2.4	7.0	57.0	1.7	2.3	8.5	4.0	3.0	.4	.2	12.8	9.3	42.2	22.9	9.7	32.6	144.5
1931	12.2	.3	1.3	.5	4.7	.3	.1	19.1	5.3	.1	12.2	2.3	1.6	2.8	6.8	57.4	1.7	2.6	7.5	4.3	2.8	.4	.1	10.0	8.7	38.1	21.9	10.4	32.3	140.0
1932	13.3	.2	1.4	.6	4.5	.3	.2	19.0	5.3	.3	11.0	2.4	1.4	2.6	6.7	55.9	1.5	2.5	7.5	5.2	2.3	.4	.2	10.9	8.8	39.3	17.9	8.8	26.7	135.2
1933	12.3	.2	1.3	.5	5.0	.4	.2	16.9	5.2	.2	10.9	2.7	1.6	2.3	6.3	53.7	1.5	2.5	7.3	5.3	2.1	.4	.1	11.3	8.2	38.7	17.4	7.6	25.0	129.7
1934	13.3	.3	1.4	.5	5.1	.5	.2	22.3	6.0	.1	11.7	2.2	1.4	2.4	7.0	61.1	1.8	2.4	7.4	5.7	2.3	.4	.1	11.2	9.3	40.6	17.6	7.8	25.4	140.4
1935	13.8	.3	1.2	.6	4.8	.5	.2	19.3	6.0	.1	11.8	2.4	1.5	2.3	6.9	57.9	1.5	2.4	6.5	5.6	2.5	.4	.1	10.9	9.0	38.9	18.4	8.0	26.4	137.0
1936	12.5	.3	1.4	.7	4.3	.6	.2	17.7	6.3	.2	12.4	2.4	1.7	2.6	7.1	57.9	1.6	2.7	7.2	5.7	2.1	.5	.2	13.1	9.3	42.4	17.4	8.0	25.4	138.2
1937	12.6	.2	1.2	.7	3.9	.6	.2	17.5	6.6	.2	12.4	2.3	1.8	2.6	7.0	57.2	1.7	3.1	7.7	5.0	2.1	.4	.2	11.8	9.2	41.2	18.6	8.7	27.3	138.3
1938	13.7	.3	1.1	.8	4.7	.7	.2	19.5	7.1	.2	11.3	2.1	1.8	2.4	7.3	59.5	1.7	2.9	7.9	5.1	2.3	.5	.2	10.8	9.7	41.1	17.4	7.9	25.3	139.6
1939	13.9	.3	1.3	.9	4.9	.8	.2	16.2	7.5	.3	13.2	2.3	2.0	2.9	7.4	60.2	1.7	3.2	8.2	5.0	2.4	.4	.2	12.4	9.6	43.1	15.6	8.0	23.6	140.8
1940	13.1	.2	1.5	.8	5.0	.6	.2	18.3	7.8	.1	12.9	2.1	1.9	2.7	7.4	61.5	1.7	3.5	8.1	5.6	2.2	.4	.1	11.5	9.7	42.8	17.2	7.5	24.7	142.1
1941	12.9	.2	1.5	.8	4.5	.7	.2	16.0	7.7	.3	13.5	2.0	1.8	2.6	7.2	59.0	1.6	2.6	8.7	6.2	2.3	.5	.2	10.9	9.5	42.5	14.8	7.7	22.5	136.8
1942	14.1	.2	1.3	.7	4.9	.6	.2	18.6	7.7	.2	13.3	1.7	1.8	2.5	7.8	61.5	1.4	2.7	7.8	6.7	2.1	.4	.2	12.4	10.3	44.0	13.1	6.2	19.3	138.9
1943	14.4	.2	1.2	.6	5.5	.7	.2	16.8	10.2	.3	14.0	1.6	1.4	2.3	7.3	62.3	1.3	2.5	6.9	6.2	1.7	.4	.1	10.8	9.5	39.4	12.5	6.1	18.6	134.7
1944	14.8	.2	1.2	.6	5.0	1.0	.2	19.5	9.3	.3	15.7	1.7	1.8	2.3	8.8	67.6	1.2	3.1	7.3	6.6	1.8	.5	.2	12.5	11.5	44.7	17.1	7.6	24.7	151.8
1945	17.0	.2	1.1	.6	5.2	.9	.2	20.3	11.4	.3	16.5	1.5	2.1	2.3	9.5	72.1	1.1	3.4	8.1	7.8	2.4	.5	.2	13.4	12.5	49.4	17.8	8.0	25.8	164.3
1946	16.4	.2	1.1	.7	5.2	1.0	.2	17.5	9.7	.3	17.9	1.4	2.2	2.1	9.6	69.1	1.5	3.6	9.0	7.6	2.9	.6	.2	13.3	12.6	51.3	17.9	9.0	26.9	163.7
1947	14.7	.2	1.1	.6	4.5	.9	.3	16.8	8.8	.3	18.0	1.1	1.9	1.9	8.6	65.0	1.3	3.2	7.8	7.6	2.5	.4	.2	12.4	11.2	46.6	16.7	7.8	24.5	150 8
1948	14.9	.2	.9	.6	4.7	.9	.2	16.4	9.4	.2	17.4	.9	2.1	1.7	9.1	64.7	1.3	3.3	8.4	8.6	2.7	.4	.2	11.7	12.1	48.7	16.0	7.7	23.7	152.0
1949	14.0	.2	.9	.5	4.6	.9	.1	15.6	8.7	.3	16.3	.8	2.2	1.6	8.7	61.4	1.2	3.1	8.1	7.5	2.7	.4	.2	11.9	11.4	46.5	16.8	7.6	24.4	146.3
1950	13.4	.2	.9	.5	4.4	1.0	.1	14.4	9.0	.3	17.2	.7	2.2	1.5	9.2	61.6	1.2	2.9	8.3	8.0	2.7	.4	.2	12.1	12.1	47.9	15.0	7.8	22.8	145.7
1951	13.8	.2	.8	.4	4.4	.7	.1	13.7	8.4	.3	17.1	.5	2.2	1.3	8.6	58.7	.8	2.7	8.7	7.8	2.8	.4	.2	12.0	11.2	46.6	16.5	7.5	24.0	143.1
1952 5/	13.5	.2	.9	.4	3.9	.7	.1	13.5	8.4	.3	18.3	.5	2.1	1.0	8.4	58.7	.9	2.3	8.7	8.1	3.0	.5	.2	11.7	11.1	46.5	16.0	7.3	23.3	142.0

1/ Excludes quantities produced in home gardens. Minor vegetables estimated to be 43 percent "leafy, green, and yellow" and 57 percent "other" on basis of carlot shipment data. Civilian consumption only, beginning 1941.

2/ Includes 0.1 pound of shallots in each year beginning 1929. In earlier years shallots are included in minor vegetables.

3/ Included in minor vegetables.

4/ Less than 0.05 pound.

5/ Preliminary.

Table 2.- Canned vegetables: Per capita consumption 1909-52 1/
(Net canned weight)

Year	Leafy, green, and yellow vegetables 2/							Tomato products 2/					Other vegetables 2/						
	Asparagus	Lima beans	Snap beans	Carrots	Peas	Pumpkin and squash	Spinach	Whole tomatoes	Catsup and chili sauce	Paste and sauce	Pulp and puree	Tomato and other vegetable juices 3/	Beets	Corn	Pickles	Sauerkraut	Sweet-potatoes	Other 4/	Total
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1909	---	---	---	---	1.7	---	---	6.0	---	---	---	---	---	2.1	---	---	---	5.3	15.1
1910	---	---	---	---	1.5	---	---	5.3	---	---	---	---	---	2.4	---	---	---	5.1	14.3
1911	---	---	---	---	1.4	---	---	4.8	---	---	---	---	---	3.7	---	---	---	5.5	15.4
1912	---	---	---	---	1.8	---	---	5.8	---	---	---	---	---	4.3	---	---	---	6.5	18.4
1913	---	---	---	---	2.4	---	---	7.0	---	---	---	---	---	3.2	---	---	---	6.9	19.5
1914	---	---	---	---	2.6	---	---	7.1	---	---	---	---	---	2.5	---	---	---	6.8	19.0
1915	---	---	---	---	2.7	---	---	5.9	---	---	---	---	---	2.9	---	---	---	6.3	17.8
1916	---	---	---	---	2.3	---	---	4.9	---	---	---	---	---	2.8	---	---	---	6.0	16.0
1917	---	---	---	---	2.4	---	---	6.5	---	---	---	---	---	2.8	---	---	---	7.0	18.7
1918	---	---	---	---	3.0	---	---	7.1	---	---	---	---	---	3.2	---	---	---	8.7	22.0
1919	---	---	0.9	---	2.8	---	---	6.3	---	---	---	---	---	3.5	1.6	1.4	---	4.5	21.0
1920	0.4	---	.8	---	2.9	0.2	0.4	5.0	---	---	---	---	0.3	3.9	1.2	.8	0.3	2.0	18.2
1921	.3	---	.5	---	2.8	.2	.3	4.4	---	---	---	---	.2	3.7	1.1	.9	.3	2.0	16.7
1922	.3	0.1	.6	---	2.8	.2	.6	4.4	---	---	---	---	.2	3.1	1.8	1.2	.3	1.3	16.9
1923	.4	.1	.7	---	3.5	.3	.7	5.8	---	---	---	---	.2	3.3	1.2	2.2	.3	2.5	21.2
1924	.4	.1	.9	---	4.3	.3	.5	6.0	---	0.2	0.6	---	.3	3.4	1.3	2.1	.3	2.0	22.7
1925	.4	.2	1.2	---	4.5	.4	.6	6.9	---	.4	.7	---	.5	3.7	1.5	1.5	.3	2.5	25.3
1926	.4	.2	1.3	---	4.2	.4	.5	6.7	2.1	.4	.7	---	.4	4.4	2.5	1.3	.2	---	25.7
1927	.4	.1	1.0	---	4.1	.4	.7	5.3	1.8	.3	.6	---	.3	3.9	1.4	1.6	.2	---	22.1
1928	.5	.1	1.2	---	4.1	.4	.9	5.4	1.6	.3	.6	---	.3	3.7	1.2	2.0	.2	.1	22.6
1929	.5	.2	1.7	---	4.4	.7	1.3	5.8	1.8	.3	.6	---	.4	3.8	1.7	2.0	.2	.1	25.5
1930	.4	.2	1.9	---	4.5	.7	.8	6.5	1.8	.4	1.0	0.2	.6	4.1	1.7	2.3	.1	.8	28.0
1931	.4	.3	1.7	---	4.0	.5	.6	5.7	1.7	.2	.8	.6	.5	3.7	1.8	2.4	.1	---	25.0
1932	.4	.2	1.3	0.1	3.2	.4	.5	5.1	1.6	.2	.5	1.1	.3	3.3	1.6	1.7	.1	.1	21.7
1933	.5	.2	1.1	.1	3.2	.5	.6	5.4	1.5	.4	.6	1.1	.3	3.1	1.5	1.7	.1	.1	22.0
1934	.5	.2	1.3	.2	3.5	.5	.7	5.4	1.5	.4	.7	1.1	.4	2.9	1.6	1.5	.1	.5	23.0
1935	.4	.3	1.4	.2	3.9	.4	.8	5.6	1.6	.5	.8	1.6	.5	3.5	1.7	2.3	.1	.2	25.8
1936	.5	.3	1.5	.2	4.3	.3	.9	5.7	1.6	.4	.8	2.4	.5	4.0	2.0	1.4	.1	.4	27.3
1937	.5	.3	1.7	.2	4.6	.4	.9	5.6	1.6	.5	.8	3.0	.6	3.8	2.0	1.4	.1	1.0	29.0
1938	.5	.3	2.0	.2	4.8	.4	.9	5.8	1.8	.7	.7	2.8	.6	4.0	2.3	1.8	.1	.9	30.6
1939	.6	.4	2.1	.2	4.9	.5	.9	5.7	2.1	.7	.6	2.6	.7	4.2	2.2	2.0	.1	.9	31.4
1940	.6	.5	2.3	.3	5.4	.7	1.1	5.8	2.5	.8	.7	2.9	.8	4.4	2.1	2.0	.2	.8	33.9
1941	.6	.6	2.3	.3	6.1	.7	.9	5.9	2.5	.9	.6	3.6	.9	4.7	2.5	2.2	.3	.7	36.3
1942	.7	.6	2.6	.3	6.3	.5	1.2	6.1	2.4	1.1	.7	4.4	1.2	5.5	2.8	2.1	.2	.5	39.2
1943	.6	.4	2.6	.2	5.8	.6	.8	5.5	1.7	1.5	1.2	4.1	1.1	5.3	2.5	1.8	.3	.5	36.5
1944	.6	.2	2.9	.3	5.2	.5	1.3	4.8	2.0	1.9	1.4	2.9	1.0	5.0	2.2	.6	.3	.8	33.9
1945	.4	.3	3.3	.4	7.1	.4	1.0	4.1	2.4	2.7	2.1	6.9	1.4	5.5	2.3	1.0	.3	1.0	42.6
1946	1.0	.3	3.2	.6	7.5	.6	1.6	4.0	2.8	3.0	2.1	5.1	1.4	6.2	2.9	2.3	.6	.9	46.1
1947	.6	.3	2.7	.4	5.8	.6	1.1	3.8	2.7	2.7	1.5	3.8	1.2	5.8	3.2	2.4	.5	.8	39.9
1948	.7	.4	2.8	.4	5.7	.5	1.0	4.4	2.2	2.3	.5	4.2	1.2	4.9	3.3	1.1	.3	1.4	37.3
1949	.6	.4	2.9	.3	5.3	.5	1.1	4.6	2.5	2.2	.6	4.4	1.0	4.8	3.3	1.9	.5	1.3	38.2
1950	.7	.6	3.4	.4	5.4	.6	.9	5.0	2.7	2.4	.7	4.9	1.6	5.1	3.3	1.8	.7	1.3	41.5
1951	.7	.5	3.2	.3	5.3	.6	1.2	4.8	2.5	3.3	.8	4.6	1.5	4.8	3.1	2.3	.4	1.3	41.2
1952 5/	.7	.5	3.4	.4	5.1	.7	1.0	4.1	2.7	2.7	.9	5.1	1.4	4.8	3.8	1.9	.8	1.3	41.3

1/ Excludes soups and baby food. In years 1909-42 calendar-year data are derived from pack-year data by combining proportional parts of each pack year involved. Civilian consumption, beginning 1941.
2/ Minor vegetables and, in earlier years, items not shown separately are included in "other".
3/ Based on information available for 1944-46, tomato juice comprises approximately 85 percent of the total, combination vegetable juices 13 percent, and other vegetable juices 2 percent. Combination vegetable juice contains approximately 70 percent or more tomato juice.
4/ Computed as a residual; includes miscellaneous greens, pimientos, potatoes, mixed vegetables and all items in earlier years for which no separate data are available.
5/ Preliminary.

Table 3.- Vegetables, frozen: Per capita consumption, 1937-52 1/

Year	Leafy, green, and yellow vegetables											Other vegetables				Total 3/
	Asparagus	Snap beans	Lima beans	Carrots	Peas	Peas and carrots	Pumpkin and squash	Broccoli	Brussels sprouts	Spinach	Other 2/	Cauliflower	Corn, cut and on cob	Succotash	Rhubarb	
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1937	0.03	0.05	0.10	4/	0.15	4/	4/	0.01	4/	0.02	4/	4/	0.04	5/	5/	0.40
1938	.05	.05	.09	4/	.15	4/	4/	.02	4/	.02	4/	4/	.03	5/	5/	.41
1939	.03	.04	.11	4/	.22	0.01	4/	.02	4/	.01	0.01	4/	.05	5/	5/	.50
1940	.05	.04	.13	4/	.21	4/	0.01	.01	0.01	.04	.01	0.01	.06	5/	5/	.58
1941	.05	.07	.11	0.01	.31	4/	.01	.03	.01	.01	.01	4/	.05	5/	5/	.67
1942	.04	.10	.24	.01	.40	.01	.02	.03	.02	.13	.01	.01	.07	5/	5/	1.09
1943	.06	.05	.14	4/	.26	.01	.03	.03	.02	.11	4/	4/	.03	5/	5/	.74
1944	.10	.15	.17	.03	.56	.02	.07	.03	.05	.17	.06	.04	.12	4/	0.04	1.61
1945	.14	.19	.17	.02	.62	.02	.08	.08	.05	.26	.04	.04	.12	0.01	.04	1.88
1946	.12	.20	.27	.04	.59	.04	.03	.12	.07	.20	.06	.07	.15	.01	.05	2.02
1947	.12	.26	.37	.05	.81	.04	.06	.11	.04	.22	.08	.04	.27	.02	.06	2.55
1948	.15	.30	.39	.03	.95	.04	.05	.17	.08	.31	.08	.09	.27	.03	.01	2.95
1949	.12	.28	.49	.10	.74	.04	.03	.21	.12	.28	.15	.10	.27	.05	.02	3.00
1950	.12	.35	.50	.07	.85	.05	.06	.21	.09	.37	.21	.09	.25	.05	.02	3.29
1951	.13	.44	.54	.08	1.00	.07	.06	.30	.13	.49	.30	.13	.34	.05	.04	4.10
1952	.15	.52	.70	.10	1.14	.10	.06	.43	.14	.49	.52	.17	.42	.09	.04	5.07

1/ Civilian consumption only, beginning 1941.

2/ Included with leafy, green, and yellow because most items are considered to be greens.

3/ Computed from unrounded data.

4/ Less than 0.005 pound .

5/ Included with "other."

6/ Preliminary.

Table 4.- Potatoes, sweetpotatoes, dry edible beans and dry field peas: Per capita consumption, primary distribution weight, 1909-52 1/

Year	Potatoes 2/	Sweetpotatoes 2/	Dry edible beans 3/	Dry field peas 4/
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
1909	184	25.8	6.7	5/
1910	195	25.9	6.4	5/
1911	155	23.4	6.2	5/
1912	176	24.0	6.7	5/
1913	186	23.3	6.0	5/
1914	154	22.0	6.3	5/
1915	182	24.7	5.7	5/
1916	141	24.1	5.0	5/
1917	144	27.5	7.3	5/
1918	172	25.8	7.3	5/
1919	150	29.5	5.4	5/
1920	138	28.6	5.6	5/
1921	154	26.7	4.7	5/
1922	141	28.7	5.1	5/
1923	172	24.5	5.8	5/
1924	152	17.3	7.7	5/
1925	155	17.5	7.2	5/
1926	126	20.9	7.4	5/
1927	139	24.6	8.6	5/
1928	145	20.4	8.5	0.5
1929	157	22.0	7.7	.4
1930	130	18.2	9.4	.5
1931	134	20.3	8.7	.7
1932	132	27.3	7.3	.6
1933	130	23.7	7.0	.9
1934	134	24.1	8.9	.8
1935	140	25.3	8.3	.5
1936	128	19.5	8.9	.6
1937	124	21.2	7.7	.6
1938	127	21.0	9.5	.6
1939	121	19.4	9.2	.7
1940	121	16.1	8.2	.7
1941	126	18.1	8.7	.5
1942	125	20.2	11.0	.5
1943	124	21.2	8.8	.8
1944	135	19.5	8.0	.8
1945	120	18.0	7.7	.8
1946	122	17.0	8.6	.7
1947	124	14.3	6.4	.5
1948	104	11.2	6.7	.8
1949	109	11.5	6.8	.4
1950	101	12.3	8.5	.7
1951	108	7.2	8.0	.7
1952 6/	101	6.6	8.4	.7

1/ Civilian consumption only, beginning 1941.
2/ Farm weight basis, calendar years. Includes farm garden produce but not nonfarm.
3/ Cleaned basis, calendar years.
4/ Cleaned basis, crop years beginning approximately September of year indicated.
5/ Basic data inadequate.
6/ Preliminary.

Table 5.- Vegetables for fresh market: Reported commercial acreage and production, average 1949-51, annual 1952, and indicated 1953

Seasonal group and crop	Acreage: Average 1949-51 2/	Acreage: 1952	Acreage: Indicated 1953: Amount	Acreage: Indicated 1953: Percentage of 1952	Production (equivalent tons) 1/: Average 1949-51 2/	Production: 1952	Production: Indicated 1953: Amount	Production: Indicated 1953: Percentage of 1952
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	Tons	Tons	Tons	Percent
WINTER 3/	284,420	256,800	279,870	109	1,439,900	1,494,100	1,575,600	105
SPRING 4/	677,580	661,010	705,460	107	2,255,500	2,272,500	2,412,800	106
SUMMER 5/	926,510	881,070	954,140	108	4,072,300	3,926,800	4,187,500	107
FALL 5/								
Beans, lima	780	400	350	88	1,200	500	500	100
Beans, snap 6/	22,830	16,550	19,830	120	40,100	31,600	31,600	100
Cabbage:								
Early	50,830	47,880	50,750	106	560,600	498,700	550,000	110
Late	4,300	4,650	4,600	99	---	---	---	---
Carrots	29,040	30,510	26,500	87	342,000	359,500	317,100	88
Cauliflower 6/	8,830	8,450	8,900	105	74,900	70,900	75,700	107
Celery:								
Early	5,460	4,520	4,500	100	73,100	60,000	60,100	100
Late	8,630	9,150	8,900	97	---	---	---	---
Cucumbers 6/	3,830	3,800	3,700	97	16,000	17,400	15,800	91
Lettuce 6/	44,190	49,950	48,570	97	245,600	306,400	293,100	96
Green peas 6/	3,000	2,000	2,400	120	5,000	3,400	4,000	118
Spinach 6/	7,620	7,100	6,100	86	24,600	20,700	19,500	94
Tomatoes:								
Early	18,700	15,700	16,000	102	123,200	129,000	123,000	95
Late	17,830	22,000	16,600	75	---	---	---	---
Total fall to date:								
Acreage and production	203,740	186,860	187,600	100	1,506,300	1,498,100	1,490,400	99
Acreage	225,870	222,660	217,700	98	---	---	---	---
TOTAL FALL	307,620	303,810	---	---	1,964,400	2,012,000	---	---
	Reported to date for 1953 with comparisons 4/							
Acreage and production	2,092,250	1,985,740	2,127,070	107	9,274,000	9,191,500	9,666,300	105
Acreage	2,114,380	2,021,540	2,157,170	107	---	---	---	---
	Totals for past seasons 4/							
ANNUAL TOTAL	2,196,150	2,102,690	---	---	9,732,200	9,705,400	---	---

1/ Equivalent tons based on approximate net weight of unit in which reported. 2/ For seasonal group and annual totals, averages of the yearly totals, not the sum of the average for individual crops. 3/ Includes cabbage used for sauerkraut. 4/ Includes cabbage used for sauerkraut and asparagus for processing. 5/ Includes crops for which seasonal sub-groups (early, mid-, and late) are not made. 6/ Acreage and production for early fall only.

Table 6.- Truck crops: Representative prices (l.c.l. sales) at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when available), indicated periods, 1952 and 1953

Market, commodity, and State of origin	Unit	Tuesday 1952 Aug. 19	1952 Sept. 9	1952 Sept. 16	1953 Aug. 18	1953 Sept. 8	1953 Sept. 15
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
NEW YORK							
Beans, snap, green, New York	Bushel	3.12	2.50	2.00	2.20	3.33	4.00
Beets, bunched, New Jersey	Crate	---	---	---	1.12	1.37	1.15
Broccoli, California	Pony crate	7.50	7.25	7.05	6.58	5.32	6.50
Broccoli, Pennsylvania	4/5 bu. box	1.75	---	---	2.50	2.00	2.00
Cabbage, Domestic type	1-3/5 bu. box	1.25	1.25	---	.82	1.15	1.00
Cantaloups, California	Jumbo crate	5.02	6.25	7.68	4.67	6.00	5.92
Carrots, bunched, California	WGA crate	5.90	5.65	7.15	5.92	6.00	9.00
Cauliflower, New York	Double deck crate	3.00	3.25	2.85	2.70	1.78	2.25
Celery, Golden Heart, New York	16-inch crate 1/	3.75	3.80	4.10	1.51	3.03	3.00
Celery, Pascal, California	16-inch crate 2/	4.94	6.21	5.83	4.04	4.29	4.46
Corn, sweet, yellow, New York	Sack (50-60 ears)	1.40	1.75	1.20	2.35	1.04	1.11
Cucumbers, New York	Bushel	3/2.10	2.40	3.50	3/2.15	4.83	6.00
Eggplant, New Jersey	Bushel	1.00	1.12	1.25	1.12	1.13	1.12
Escarole, New Jersey	1½ bu. box	---	---	---	.85	1.00	1.50
Honey Dews, California	Std. crate	3.88	3.44	3.59	3.50	3.81	2.80
Lettuce, Iceberg type, California	Carton (2 doz.)	4/7.50	4/8.32	4/6.23	5.36	3.36	3.32
Lettuce, Iceberg type, New York	E. iceberg crate (2-doz.)	---	---	---	3.38	2.25	1.62
Onions, yellow, California	50-lb. sack	---	---	---	1.90	1.99	2.05
Onions, yellow, New York 5/	50-lb. sack	2.15	2.12	2.05	.82	.81	.83
Peas, green, Colorado	Bushel	3.72	4.45	6/4.90	4.70	4.28	7/4.25
Peppers, green, New Jersey	Bushel	1.80	1.60	1.75	1.10	1.70	1.75
Spinach, Savoy type, New York	Bushel	---	---	---	3/1.57	2.00	2.00
Tomatoes, New Jersey	12-qt. basket	---	---	---	1.18	.75	---
CHICAGO							
Beans, lima, Michigan	12-qt. basket	---	1.25	---	---	1.35	1.65
Beans, snap, green, Illinois 8/	Bushel	3.25	1.50	2.50	2.15	3.00	5.25
Beans, snap, green, Michigan	Bushel	4.25	2.87	---	2.85	2.75	4.75
Cabbage, Domestic type	Crate (50-60 lb.)	9/2.00	9/2.00	9/2.00	1.15	1.65	1.85

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Table 6.- Truck crops: Representative prices (l.c.l. sales) at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when available), indicated periods, 1952 and 1953 - Continued

Market, commodity, and State of origin	Unit	Tuesday 1952 Aug. 19	1952 Sept. 9	1952 Sept. 16	1953 Aug. 18	1953 Sept. 8	1953 Sept. 15
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
CHICAGO (continued)							
Cantaloups, California	Jumbo crate (36's)	10/4.75	10/6.15	10/6.50	4.85	5.75	5.85
Carrots, bunched, California	WGA crate	4.25	5.25	5.90	4.65	4.85	8.00
Cauliflower, Colorado	Pony crate	2.62	3.15	2.65	3.00	2.25	2.75
Celery, Golden Heart, Michigan	½ crate 11/	2.00	---	---	1.15	1.65	1.65
Celery, Pascal, California	16-inch crate 12/	4.63	5.25	5.10	3.65	3.40	4.25
Cucumbers, Illinois	Bushel	.65	.65	1.75	1.15	2.40	2.25
Cucumbers, Michigan	Bushel	---	1.50	2.75	---	3.00	3.60
Honey Dews, California	Std. flat crate	---	---	---	4.50	3.50	3.15
Lettuce, Iceberg type, California	WGA crate 4/	6.50	6.25	5.50	8.65	5.25	6.15
Onions, Sweet Spanish, Western 13/	50-lb. sack	---	2.75	2.50	1.88	1.70	1.75
Onions, Yellow Globe, Midwest	50-lb. sack	2.25	2.25	2.10	1.20	1.05	1.20
Peas, green, Colorado	Bushel	3.50	4.25	---	4.50	4.00	4.50
Peppers, green, Illinois	Bushel	2.50	1.50	1.75	1.85	2.00	2.50
Tomatoes, Michigan	12-qt. basket	---	.85	1.10	---	1.25	1.30

1/ Crate, 2 to 4 dozen.
2/ Crate, 2 to 2½ dozen.
3/ New Jersey.
4/ W.G.A. crate, 4 dozen.
5/ Orange County.
6/ Idaho.
7/ Some fair quality.
8/ Valentine variety.
9/ 40-50 pound crate.
10/ Jumbe crate, 36's and 45's.
11/ Crate, 3 to 4 dozen.
12/ Crate, 2 to 3 dozen.
13/ 3 inches or larger.

Prices submitted for Tuesday of each week by Market News representatives to the Fruit and Vegetable Section, Production and Market Administration.

Table 7.- Truck crops for processing: Harvested acreage and estimated production, average 1942-51, annual 1952, and indicated 1953

Commodity	Harvested acreage: Average 1942-51	Harvested acreage: 1952	Harvested acreage: Preliminary 1953	Production: Average 1942-51	Production: 1952	Production: Indicated 1953	1953 as percentage of 1952
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Percent
Beans, lima 1/	80,370	94,200	109,500	57,850	90,000	100,250	111
Beans, snap	129,630	115,420	133,270	232,200	239,930	292,500	122
Beets	16,570	15,110	16,200	141,900	124,900	141,100	113
Corn, sweet 2/	467,290	487,500	504,850	1,181,100	1,527,300	1,515,900	99
Peas, green 1/	431,480	425,090	448,950	432,200	430,170	455,030	106
Pimientos	15,210	15,000	26,000	17,430	12,300	35,780	291
Tomatoes	469,200	377,200	301,210	2,993,000	3,523,500	2,843,600	81
Total 7 crops	1,609,750	1,529,510	1,539,980	5,055,680	5,948,100	5,384,160	91
Asparagus	78,240	87,720	---	96,120	95,340	---	---
Cabbage for kraut:							
Contract	8,860	9,150	10,870	86,200	87,700	128,200	146
Open market	8,400	7,280	---	89,300	89,600	49,100	---
Cucumbers	116,610	149,490	---	219,310	331,100	---	---
Spinach:							
Winter and spring	28,460	25,590	22,860	80,440	88,850	86,090	97
Fall	12,410	5,450	---	35,270	22,680	---	---
Acreage and production 3/	1,647,070	1,564,250	1,573,710	5,222,320	6,124,650	5,598,450	91

1/ Production reported on a shelled basis. 2/ In husk. 3/ Total for 7 crops plus cabbage contracted for sauerkraut and winter and spring spinach for processing.

Table 8.- Truck crops: Index numbers (unadjusted) of prices received by farmers, United States as of 15th of the month, indicated periods (Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)

5-year average	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
1935-39	104	111	122	115	97	86	79	75	75	82	94	103	95
1940-44	178	191	208	199	173	159	137	128	124	134	158	179	164
1945-49	243	246	247	238	207	187	184	171	163	174	212	202	206
1950	261	203	168	205	178	182	200	164	126	138	188	211	185
1951	324	333	265	225	239	189	204	181	161	171	249	331	239
1952	337	217	265	308	285	250	287	229	182	189	238	256	254
1953	237	237	248	204	182	270	216	221					

Table 9.- Canned vegetables: United States commercial packs 1951 and 1952 and canners' and wholesale distributors' stocks, indicated periods in 1953 with comparisons

Commodity	Packs		Canners' stocks			Wholesale distributors' stocks 1/		
	1951	1952	Date	1952	1953	Date	1952 2/	1953
	1,000 cases 24/2's	1,000 cases 24/2's		1,000 cases 24/2's	1,000 cases 24/2's		1,000 cases 24/2's	1,000 cases 24/2's
Major commodities								
Beans, snap	19,440	16,346	July 1	2,307	303	July 1	2,326	1,580
Corn	25,576	32,329	Aug. 1	365	1,934	July 1	2,543	3,632
Peas, green 3/	33,916	26,509	June 1	4,114	2,998	July 1	3,548	3,029
Tomatoes	31,770	27,981	July 1	2,088	5,749	July 1	3,474	3,597
Tomato and combination vegetable juices	36,160	35,807	July 1	5,907	6,857	July 1	2,686	2,814
Total major commodities	146,862	138,972	---	14,781	17,841	July 1	14,577	14,652
Minor commodities								
Asparagus 3/	4,795	4,354	Mar. 1	1/854	1/884	July 1	737	716
Beans, lima	2,950	2,316	Aug. 1	622	193	July 1	651	561
Beets	7,532	6,693	July 1	1/1,796	1/1,321	July 1	1,010	928
Carrots	2,177	2,775	July 1	1/210	1/551	July 1	396	476
Pickles	4/18,700	4/22,500	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pimientos	4/445	4/357	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pumpkin and squash	4,395	5,408	July 1	1/56	1/1,632	Jan. 1	825	1,032
Sauerkraut	4/9,440	4/9,575	Aug. 1	5/1,473	5/1,626	Jan. 1	984	976
Potatoes	1,296	2,575	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	3,249	4,993	---	---	---	Jan. 1	633	880
Spinach	7,648	6,114	Mar. 1	1/774	1/863	Jan. 1	1,004	889
Other greens	2,808	2,867	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tomato catsup and chili sauce	1/19,610	1/15,271	July 1	1/4,793	1/5,131	July 1	1,306	1,158
Tomato paste	6/10,524	6/8,366	July 1	6/1,920	6/2,878	---	---	---
Tomato pulp and puree	7,737	4,684	July 1	6/1,588	6/1,456	Jan. 1	1,332	1,070
Tomato sauce	6/8,642	6/8,446	July 1	6/1,257	6/3,283	Jan. 1	626	580
Vegetables, mixed	3,471	3,226	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total minor commodities	115,479	109,180	---	15,343	19,818	---	9,504	9,266
Grand total	262,281	249,492	---	30,124	37,659	---	24,081	23,918

1/ Converted by Bureau of Agricultural Economics from actual cases to standard cases of 24 No. 2 cans. 2/ Distributors' stock data for 1952 computed by BAE by applying to the comparable date for 1953 the percentage changes determined by the Bureau of the Census. 3/ 1953 packs as follows: (1,000 cases 24 No. 2's) Asparagus 4,018; peas, green, 28,037. 4/ Processing crop converted to a canned basis by applying an overall conversion factor (pickles 68 and sauerkraut 54 cases 24 No. 2's equivalent to 1 ton fresh. 5/ Reported in barrels; converted to cases of 24 No. 2 using 14 cases to the barrel. 6/ California only. Computed by BAE from data supplied in actual cases by the Canners League of California.

Canners' stock and pack data from National Canners Association, unless otherwise noted. Wholesale distributors' stocks from United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Table 10.- Vegetables, frozen: United States packs 1951 and 1952, and cold-storage holdings, August 31, 1953 with comparisons

Commodity	Packs		Cold-storage holdings		
	1951	1952	Average August 31, 1948-52	August 31, 1952	August 31, 1953
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Asparagus	23,562	25,460	13,487	16,382	22,780
Beans, lima	108,020	113,926	36,710	42,365	39,479
Beans, snap	81,650	87,438	49,592	60,063	71,578
Broccoli	48,768	82,253	12,220	16,128	29,770
Brussels sprouts	22,476	22,454	5,094	6,959	4,553
Carrots	10,573	22,269	1/	1/	1/
Cauliflower	22,428	33,166	4,170	4,059	10,633
Corn, cut	44,549	62,684	24,551	27,725	32,303
Corn, on cob	8,772	14,196			
Mixed vegetables	26,088	26,472	1/	1/	1/
Peas	195,541	203,726	162,575	199,379	227,484
Peas and carrots	12,947	18,033	1/	1/	1/
Pumpkin and squash	12,723	15,068	3,596	4,627	7,226
Rhubarb	5,803	5,684	1/	1/	1/
Succotash	11,913	11,769	1/	1/	1/
Spinach	97,878	91,464	27,189	47,232	58,655
Other vegetables	36,347	59,657	31,377	38,092	65,617
Total	770,038	895,719	370,561	463,011	570,078

1/ Included in "other vegetables."

Pack data from National Association of Frozen Food Packers; cold-storage holdings from Cold Storage Reports, Production and Marketing Administration.

Table 11.- United States average prices received by farmers for important field crops, August 15, 1953, with comparisons

Commodity and unit	Average		1952	1953		
	August 1909-July 1914	January 1947-December 1949	August 15	June 15	July 15	August 15
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Potatoes, per bushel	.697	1.60	2.77	1.02	.955	.914
Sweetpotatoes, per bushel	.878	2.36	4.10	3.98	4.02	3.50
Beans, dry, edible, per cwt.	3.37	9.92	8.40	9.15	10.50	9.43
Peas, dry, field, per cwt.	---	4.60	4.71	5.86	5.20	5.16

Table 12.- Potatoes: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952, and indicated 1953

Group of States	Acreage: Harvested: Average 1942-51	Acreage: Harvested: 1952	Acreage: For harvest 1953	Yield per acre: Average 1942-51	Yield per acre: 1952	Yield per acre: Indicated 1953	Production: Average 1942-51	Production: 1952	Production: Indicated 1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Early									
13 States	426	256	305	153	206	213	61,755	52,612	64,761
Intermediate									
7 States	205	106	110	148	132	154	28,922	14,029	16,863
Late									
9 Eastern	528	360	355	252	293	346	127,025	105,407	122,817
9 Central	656	322	357	137	184	180	82,652	59,035	64,115
11 Western	450	354	376	250	328	299	110,654	116,421	112,370
Total late States	1,634	1,036	1,088	207	271	275	320,330	280,863	299,302
36 late and intermediate	1,839	1,142	1,197	200	258	264	349,252	294,892	316,165
Total, United States	2,265	1,398	1,502	191	249	254	411,007	347,504	380,926

Table 13.- Sweetpotatoes: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952, and indicated 1953

Group of States	Acreage: Harvested: Average 1942-51	Acreage: Harvested: 1952	Acreage: For harvest 1953	Yield per acre: Average 1942-51	Yield per acre: 1952	Yield per acre: Indicated 1953	Production: Average 1942-51	Production: 1952	Production: Indicated 1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Central Atlantic 1/	48	37	41	132	139	145	6,317	5,160	5,940
Lower Atlantic 2/	192	97	111	92	85	85	17,576	8,220	9,490
South Central 3/	319	177	185	88	75	93	28,028	13,280	17,294
North Central 4/	13	5	5	95	96	75	1,237	482	377
California	11	10	10	108	115	120	1,172	1,150	1,200
Total, United States	583	326	352	94	87	98	54,331	28,292	34,301

1/ New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.
2/ North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.
3/ Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.
4/ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

Table 14.- Potatoes: F.O.B. prices at various shipping points and representative wholesale prices (l.c.l. sales) at New York and (carlot sales) at Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 size A, when available) per 100 pounds, indicated periods 1952 and 1953

Location and variety	1952			1953		
	Week ended					
	Aug. 16	Sept. 6	Sept.13	Aug. 15	Sept. 5	Sept.12
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
F.O.B. SHIPPING POINTS						
Central New Jersey points, Katahdin 1/	6.00	4.50	4.35	1.62	1.48	1.54
Gilcrest, Colorado, Round Red 2/ 3/	4.92	3.95	3.92	1.65	1.22	1.34
Riverhead, Long Island, various varieties 1/	5.60	4.12	4.28	1.47	1.31	1.38
Rochester, New York, Cobbler 1/	---	4.40	4.45	---	1.41	1.39
Wisconsin points, various varieties 1/	---	3.46	3.62	---	1.35	1.28
Western Idaho and Malhuer County, Oregon, Russet Burbank 2/ 4/	---	---	---	2.02	2.01	2.58
Yakima Valley, Washington, Russet Burbank 2/	4.89	4.29	4.18	3/1.79	3/1.76	3/2.19
TERMINAL MARKETS	Aug. 19	Sept. 9	Sept.16	Aug.18	Sept. 8	Sept.15
NEW YORK						
Cobbler, Long Island 1/	5.15	4.75	4.45	1.81	1.84	1.80
Russet Burbank, Idaho	---	6.83	6.79	---	5/4.45	5/5.08
CHICAGO						
Round Red, midwestern 2/	---	4.75	4.00	---	1.80	2.40
Round White, midwestern 2/	---	---	---	---	1.75	1.85
Russet Burbank, Idaho 2/	6.18	6.17	5.72	3.75	3.70	4.75

1/ Unwashed stock. 2/ Washed stock. 3/ 2-inch minimum. 4/ F.O.B. cash track. 5/ U. S. No. 1, 2-inch minimum.
F.O.B. prices are simple averages of the mid-point of the range of daily prices. Market prices are for Tuesday of each week and are submitted by Market News representatives to Fruit and Vegetable Section of Production and Marketing Administration.

Table 15.- Sweetpotatoes: F.O.B. prices at Southern Louisiana points and representative market prices (l.c.l. sales) at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1, when available), indicated periods, 1952 and 1953

Location and variety	Unit	1952			1953		
		Week ended					
		Aug. 16	Sept.6	Sept.13	Aug.15	Sept. 5	Sept.12
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
F.O.B. Southern Louisiana Points							
Porto Rican	50-lb. crate	---	3.89	3.41	2.94	2.60	2.46
NEW YORK,		Aug. 19	Sept. 9	Sept.16	Aug. 18	Sept. 8	Sept.15
Golden, Virginia	Bushel	5.70	1/3.21	1/3.20	3.33	2.50	2.22
Porto Rican, Louisiana	50-lb. crate	6.12	5.18	4.75	4.18	3.75	3.75
CHICAGO							
Porto Rican, Louisiana	50-lb. crate	5.35	4.15	4.25	3.30	3.30	3.25

1/ Maryland.
See source above.

Table 16.- Beans, dry, edible: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952, and indicated 1953

Group of States	Acreage: Harvested: Average 1942-51	Acreage: Harvested: 1952	Acreage: For harvest 1953	Yield per acre: Average 1942-51	Yield per acre: 1952	Yield per acre: Indicated 1953	Production 1/: Average 1942-51	Production 1/: 1952	Production 1/: Indicated 1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags
Maine, New York, and Michigan 2/	641	499	516	915	1,127	1,125	5,845	5,622	5,806
Neb., Mont., Idaho, Wyo., and Washington 3/	322	245	308	1,517	1,826	1,644	4,864	4,474	5,063
Colo., N. Mex., Ariz., &Utah 4/	483	233	307	551	1,015	811	2,592	2,366	2,489
California:									
Standard lima	83	81	68	1,464	1,856	1,850	1,197	1,503	1,258
Baby lima	72	28	31	1,518	1,707	1,700	1,096	478	527
Other 5/	189	186	179	1,200	1,255	1,200	2,281	2,334	2,148
TOTAL U. S.	1,791	1,272	1,409	1,007	1,319	1,227	17,876	16,777	17,291

1/ Bags of 100 pounds, uncleaned beans; includes beans for seed.
2/ Largely Pea beans, but most important source also of Red Kidney, Yelloweye, and Cranberry.
3/ Largely Great Northern, but Idaho also is the most important source of Small Reds.
4/ Largely Pinto beans.
5/ Mostly Blackeye, Small White, and Pink.

Table 17.- Peas, dry, field: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1942-51, annual 1952, and preliminary 1953 1/

State	Acreage: Harvested: Average 1942-51	Acreage: Harvested: 1952	Acreage: For harvest 1953	Yield per acre: Average 1942-51	Yield per acre: 1952	Yield per acre: Preliminary 1953	Production: Average 1942-51	Production: 1952	Production: Preliminary 1953
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/
Minnesota	3/4	3	5	3/930	1,200	1,200	3/39	36	60
North Dakota	3/10	3	5	3/1,060	700	1,000	3/109	21	50
Montana	24	5	6	1,200	1,400	1,200	276	70	72
Idaho	136	62	78	1,286	1,400	1,300	1,758	868	1,014
Wyoming	3	7	6	1,157	2,130	1,600	30	149	96
Colorado	18	8	5	908	1,000	1,100	163	80	55
Washington	235	110	129	1,321	1,100	1,350	3,136	1,210	1,742
Oregon	27	8	13	1,224	1,150	1,250	346	92	162
California	3/16	5	6	3/1,049	1,680	1,600	3/167	84	96
United States	471	211	253	1,264	1,237	1,323	5,998	2,610	3,347

1/ In principal commercial producing States. Includes peas grown for seed and cannery peas harvested dry.
2/ Bags of 100 pounds, uncleaned.
3/ Short-time average.

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